

## RUMORS AND COUNTER RUMORS WORRY THE FANS

No End to the Baseball  
"Good Things" Tipped Off.

### CARTER EASY FOR GARDINER

Lajoie Battling for His Life—Jeffries  
and Fitzsimmons in Trouble—Bob  
Knocks Out Brother-in-Law.

Ever since the mutual admiration society, constituting the inner circle of the National League, tumbled to the fact that it was about time to sue for peace with the younger and more aggressive rival the rumor-factory has been working overtime. Really there seems to be no end to the good things tipped off. One learns it from "an official source" and another gets it "right off the bat" from a party who is "well informed."

The latest bundle of hot air sent on its travels concerning Washington. Some enterprising gentlemen of Pittsburgh, anxious to have the Smokey City represented in the American League circuit, started the rumor that things had been fixed up for Fred Post to sell out the Senators, bat and baggage. But somehow or other the Senators won't be driven away.

It was only after the same people had failed to hand over the Detroit franchise that they hooked up with the name of Washington. This city, like Orletole, seems to be a mark for enterprising "dope" writers on baseball. It's not the Orioles about to be sold it's the Loftus aggregation. Now that the whole thing's been denied by all parties concerned, even the "Great White Star," Ben Johnson, having voted it "rot," matters can move along in their usual course until another sure-thing comes to the surface.

For the present the fans can rest assured their favorites will not be pawned off on another community.

Young, and with an ambition that will not die, "Kid" Carter is forever running up against the buzz-saw. His recent victories over Kid McCoy, Peter Maher, and Joe Choyinski made the Brooklyn lad think that it was the time to astonish the natives and seize the championship honor of the light heavyweight.

Like many other foolish youths who choose George Gardiner, of Lowell, Mass., for easy picking. The two met last night in Chicago, and after six rounds of fierce fighting the "Kid" was convinced that he is a few points shy. Gardiner sailed into Carter from the sound of the gong in the opening round, and at the end had his opponent hanging over the ropes thoroughly beaten.

Carter made a fair showing in the early part of the battle, but the terrific blows sent in by the Lowell boxer were too much for even so sturdy a lad as the Brooklynite. It was his sixth defeat at the hands of Gardiner, who is just now in line to meet some of the heavier men. All that George needs is an improved defense which he is apt to acquire at the hands of such a past-master as Tommy Ryan should the two link fortunes.

Every follower of the national game of baseball, whether fancy ties him to the chariot of National or American Leagues, awaits with anxiety the news each day from the bedside of Napoleon Lajoie in a Cleveland hospital. This star in the baseball firmament, ill of pleurisy, is battling for his life. His condition has grown hourly worse since Saturday. Near to call a physician may cost him dear.

Should it come to the worst the national pastime would lose one of its brightest stars, for the French-Canadian is one of the most wonderful players in the history of the game. Besides that he is a favorite in every city where he plays, and helps put many a dollar in the pockets of the magnates. His loss would prove a hard blow to the Cleveland management, which has expended thousands of dollars on him as an investment.

Lajoie came into the limelight as a player on the Fall River, Mass., team, where he attracted the attention of the Philadelphia National League officials, and he was promptly signed. While with the Phillies Lajoie covered every position on the diamond, and with equal ability. He is at bat wherever placed, plays the position gracefully, and leaves no stone unturned to win. At the bat he has few equals. Perhaps the only ball player that may have a shade the better of the big fellow is Willie Keeler, of the Boston aggregation. Keeler, according to the many pitchers who have faced him, has the keenest eye for a ball of any man in the sport, and is the hardest one to pitch to.

The twin-star pugilistic combination, Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, touring the West for gold, seems to be having plenty of trouble while making their way eastward. Both Lanky Bob and the champion seem to be doing their level best to queer the affair. Jeffries, so the latest story goes, has become enamored of one of the Demoyne sisters, with a vaudeville show, playing in Helena, Mont. When the staid combination reached a number of small mining towns he was missing. To add to the troubles that seem to be multiplying Fitz and his brother-in-law manager, Clark Ball, fell out, but not before Bob landed a left hook punch on his relative's jaw, sending him into dream-land.

The trouble arose over Ball signing an agreement to manage Jack Monroe, the big miner who made such a good showing recently against Jeffries. That he did it unknown to the heavyweights aroused the Australian's ire, and when brother-in-law hove in sight he waded right in, sending in a flock of swags that boxed Ball's head.

Unless Jeffries comes out of his hiding place the combination which was to tour the world will come to an end, and Lanky Bob's address will be the Hotel Bartholdi, Broadway, New York.

## MOST POPULAR INDOOR GAME IS BASKETBALL

Dr. James Naismith, a New England Y. M. C. A. Instructor, the Sport's Sponsor.

Probably hundreds of young men now playing basketball have but a vague idea of its origin, or can realize how a sport so young could have made such rapid strides.

Basketball was born eleven years ago at Springfield, Mass. Dr. James Naismith, an instructor in the Springfield Young Men's Christian Association, is its sponsor. Unlike baseball, football, golf, and other sports, it was not evolved into its present growth with gradual improvements, but leaped with one bound into its present position.

"The game was the result of a general demand for something which would present new features in regular gymnasium work, and fill other requirements for the necessary physical instruction in the training school," said Dr. Naismith.

"That there should be a ball of some kind was the point to be settled upon, because by this means the game could be made scientific and interesting, bringing in the element of physical judgment and yet be free from the personal contact which is so often the cause of roughness.

"A large ball was used in order that it might be handled with the hands and not hidden, and besides it required no practicing with a stick or bat. The next question was to prevent roughness. In order to eliminate the tackling features of football the person holding the ball was not allowed to run with it, but was required to throw it from the place in

which he caught it, thus doing away with the necessity for tackling.

"To obviate the roughness sometimes prevalent in association football in kicking the ball it was made contrary to basketball rules to kick the ball. The players were also prevented from using their fists in striking the ball and all personal contact was absolutely forbidden.

"In all games where the opening of the goals is vertical, there is a great deal of swift passing and throwing, which in a gymnasium would ultimately result in damage to the apparatus and possibly to the players. To overcome this in an indoor game the goals were placed horizontally, and at such a height that a player could not cover them and prevent the entrance of the ball.

"The first goals were simply a couple of peach baskets hung at each end of the gymnasium, and hence the game took its name. Basketball was thus made in the office, and was a direct adaptation of certain means to accomplish certain ends. The rules were formulated before the game was ever played by anyone. In fact, they were typewritten and hung up in the gymnasium before the game was started, so that all the training school members might know just what to do.

"Of course, there was some doubt as to the success of the venture, but only a few trials were needed to demonstrate its popularity, and from that moment its growth has been rapid."

## CHAMPION CRESCUS RETIRED AS A RACER

Trotter Will Be Seen Only  
in Exhibition Events.

No more will the champion trotter Cresceus be seen in races where money is at stake. His owner George H. Ketcham announces that hereafter he will be exhibited only where the fame of the horse is known. He will not be trained to the point where it is necessary to fit a horse for the keenest competition.

Mr. Ketcham's letter, itself characteristic of the man, is as follows:

"It has been stated that Cresceus, in his 'barnstorming' tour in the South, is decidedly lame, and I wish you would correct this statement, as it is not the truth and does the horse and myself an injustice. Cresceus is absolutely sound in every way and still able, right now, to excel every horse in the world at any game. It is true that he was slightly lame at Memphis and for a short time afterward, caused by his hitting the sulky wheel with his right ankle while scoring for his first exhibition at Memphis, but it was not serious, and he has entirely recovered from the same.

"I have just closed a contract to show Cresceus at the ice carnival at Ottawa, Canada, on February 12, and may go on days afterward to Montreal for the same purpose. With this done Cresceus will have practically covered the entire country, without missing an engagement or a meal and never having trotted a disappointing exhibition or race. Can you say more of your best friend?

"He will then be retired to my farm in Toledo, never to race again in this country, except for a charitable purpose. I may, however, go to Europe next fall, and if I do, will take him along, so as to be sure to have good company to keep me from evil ways."

## JOHNSON WILL NOT POSTPONE MEETING

American President Denies Request of  
National League Magnate Hart.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A request by President Hart, of the Chicago National League baseball club, to postpone the peace conference to be held in Cincinnati next week between committees representing the National and American Leagues, was denied today by President Johnson, of the American League.

Hart, who is a member of the National League committee, asked for a postponement in order that he might have an opportunity to get back from Mexico, where he has been for several weeks. In explaining his refusal, President Johnson said:

"The date has been set, and it would be hard to change it now, as the different members have made their arrangements for coming at that time. I have wired Hart to that effect."

## CUBAN SUGAR PROSPECTS

### BRIGHT IN SANTIAGO

Consul R. E. Holaday reports to the State Department from Santiago de Cuba that the conditions are favorable for a decided increase in the sugar crops this year over that of last.

Grinding began about the middle of December. The increase in the price of sugar has had a stimulating effect, and operations are being pushed for preparing the crop for the market. He estimates the increase in the production of Santiago province for the year 1902 over 1901 at 72,215 bags of 300 pounds each.

## RUSSIA TO INCREASE TORPEDO FLOTILLA IN THE FAR EAST

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—It is stated that early next year Russia will increase her torpedo flotilla in Far Eastern waters to twelve destroyers, two torpedo cruisers, and two torpedo transports. The additional vessels will carry 1,300 men.

## THREE FAVORITES WIN ON NEW ORLEANS TRACK

Whisky King Captures Fortune for Backers.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Rain made the track at the Fair Grounds heavy yesterday. Three favorites won and the talent had a good day. They carried a world of money out of the ring on the victory of Whisky King, backed from 2 to 1 to 3 to 2. He was fractious at the post, threw Fuller, then jumped the fence. He was brought back and Fuller remounted, got a good start, and won easily by a length and a half.

The winners were: Major Tenny, 4 to 5; Glendon, 8 to 1; Potente, 9 to 5; Whisky King, 3 to 2; Montanie, 5 to 1; Potheen, even.

Entries for today:  
First race—Selling; mile and a sixteenth. Winesmith, 33; Blue Ridge, Eliza Dillon, Santa Teresa, and Maxille, 38 each; Potheen, 101; Prince Webb, 102; Chickadee, 104; Marcos, 105; The Tanager, 107; O'Hagen, 110, and Commissioner Foster, 112.  
Second race—Selling; six furlongs. Redlam, 99; Light Hunt and Crescent City, 102 each; Peat, Boundless, and Moabina, 103 each; Bumme, 105; Ecome, 108; Ed L. and Almy, 109 each, and If You Dare, 111.

Third race—Six furlongs. Sweet Nell, 97; Uranium, 100; Daddy Bender, Malory, Tom Cogan, Welcome Light, Flamboyant, and Rankin, 105 each; Star and Garter and Athelrose, 107 each; Glennevis, 100, and Farmer Jim, 115.  
Fourth race—Selling; mile and a sixteenth. Latson, 100; Barbara Pritchett and Flaneur, 102 each; Alfred C., 103; Georgia Gardner, Compass, and Banish, 105 each; Charles Ramsey, 107; Joel Lester, 109; Vesuvia and Scotch Plaid, 111 each, and Malster, 115.

Fifth race—Five furlongs. Agnes Mack and Joe Little, 103 each; Apple Sweet, 88; Ben Mora, 104; Kaloma, 107; Lord Melbourne, 108; Tom Maybin and Henry McDaniel, 111 each; Imp, Planudes, 113; John Peters, 122, and Scorpis, 125.

Sixth race—Selling; mile and a sixteenth. Aline Abbott, Lofter, and Bean, 85 each; Swordsman, 101; Rastus, Lord Pepper, False Lead, and Wunderlich, 102 each; Hercules, 105; Guatama and Sir Vere de Vere, 106 each, and Socapa, 107.

## GREAT BOWLING RECORD OF SELBACH'S TOURISTS

Lost But 45 Games Out of 365 on West-  
ern Trip Which Ends January 8.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The trip of the all-American bowling quartet, which began October 1, will officially come to an end at Sandusky, Ohio, on January 8. Voorhees, Wolf, and Peterson will visit the East, but their games will not be included in the records. The work of the all-Americans during the week just ended was extraordinary. They now hold all the world records.

The record from October 5 to December 28, inclusive, is as follows:

	Games.	Strikes.	Total Pins.
J. J. Voorhees	289	1,121	55,673
P. Wolf	308	1,147	58,798
E. Peterson	254	850	46,347
A. Selbach	226	727	41,996

Grand total—All-American, 201,824; opponents, 177,353.  
Series played, 73; series won, All-American, 72.  
Games played, 365; games won, All-American, 320; lost, 45.  
Highest five-game total, All-American, 3,085.  
Highest single game score (three men), 707.  
The record last week was:  
All-American, 2,850; Fort Dodge, Iowa, 2,667.  
All-American, 2,843; Boone, Iowa, 2,675.  
All-American, 2,847; Ames, Iowa, 2,880.  
All-American, 2,952; Des Moines, Iowa, 2,672.  
All-American, 2,829; Waterloo, Iowa, 2,342.  
All-American, 3,038; Dubuque, Iowa, 2,712.  
All-American, 2,970; Dubuque, Iowa, 2,841.

## TOM LOFTUS TO REMAIN WITH WASHINGTON CLUB

Financially Interested in the  
Senators With Postal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—James F. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland American League club, who is now in New York, has given a detailed description of the stands to be built on the new ball field in New York.

"We have made arrangements for our new grandstand here," said he. "It will be a horseshoe in shape, and a double-decker. The grandstand will be of steel, but the stand will not be a cantilever. The seating capacity of it will be 7,500, which will make it a much larger structure than the grandstand at the Polo Grounds, which seats about 5,200. The new bleachers will seat about 11,000, the one back of first base holding 6,000 and the other behind third about 5,000. This will give us a total seating capacity of nearly 19,000, as against about 14,000 at the Polo Grounds.

"The new grounds will be large enough to accommodate 30,000 spectators. There were never more than 20,000 people in the Polo Grounds at any game, taking the actual turnstile count into consideration. In our grandstand we will have a large number of private boxes in the upper tier and plenty of reserved seats, which will be sold on the coupon plan at a slight advance over the usual rates.

"The regular admission to the grandstand will be 75 cents, and to the bleachers 50 cents. We have not decided about the 25-cent admissions. There are accommodations at the Polo Grounds for only 1,200 persons at a quarter, which leads us to believe that New Yorkers are willing to pay a half-dollar to see high-class ball.

"Tom Loftus will not be connected with the New York Americans," continued Kilfoyle. "He will remain with the Washington club, where he is financially interested with Fred Postal.

"Under Loftus' management last year the Washington club made some money. He had an idea that he would like to be the business manager of the New York Americans, but Postal would not let him go. Clark Griffith will be manager of the team. This has all been fixed up, and Griffith will call the new team together early in March for a trip South. All of the men signed will be on hand, without an exception, we believe."

## CLUBMAN VICTIM OF SELF-INFLICTED WOUND

Attempt at Suicide Successful After  
Four Days of Doubt.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 30.—Francis G. Beach, a prominent clubman, military officer, golf captain, and Yale alumnus, who tried to commit suicide here four weeks ago, died this morning at the New Haven Hospital.

He shot himself in the groin, and has since been in a critical condition at the hospital. Two weeks ago hopes of his recovery were entertained. He has since grown weaker and has sunk rapidly for three days.

Mr. Beach was postmaster of New Haven from 1893-97, and was lieutenant of the artillery company of Connecticut troops which bivouacked at Niantic in the Spanish war, but was never ordered to the front. He was captain of the New Haven Country Club golf team for two years.

It was on the country club grounds that he attempted suicide.

He was graduated from Yale in the class of '83, and later practiced law in this city.

He leaves a widow and a thirteen-year-old son.

For several years before his death Captain Beach's peculiar actions had attracted wide attention. His friends said, after his act, that he had been suffering from the grip, and that his illness had affected his mind.

## FOUND FROZEN FAST TO ICE AT ASBURY PARK

"English George" Had Money All Over  
Him, But Met Wretched Death.

ASBURY PARK, Dec. 30.—With his clothes frozen fast to the ice on a pond in the rear of a stable at Asbury Park, George G. Beaumont, commonly known as "English George," was found yesterday unconscious. He died soon after. He lived over the stable of William Snyder, in the rear of the Rescue Mission, for fifteen years.

In the pockets of his trousers was \$48 in notes and \$2.55 in silver. In an old tobacco bag sewed in his waistcoat lining two rolls of notes were discovered, one containing \$51, the other \$50. In another part of the waistcoat was a \$10 gold piece. A bank book showed that \$220 was drawn out of one bank in 1896 and placed in another local bank. The date of the latter deposit was June, 1901. Letters from English relatives were found. They will be communicated with. Beaumont is said to have a sister in Newark.

## PREACHER SCORES ADDICKS.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30.—In a stirring sermon touching on the events of the closing year, after denouncing the whipping post and pillory as relics of barbarism, Rev. Robert A. Elwood, pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church, called upon the incoming Legislature to "eliminate the sin of Addicksism from our political life."

"There are in Delaware," said the preacher, "two classes of citizens—the free-born and the bought. If ever J. Edward Addicks holds in his possession a certificate of membership in the Senate of the United States he should have a public engraver inscribe upon it in letters of gold the answer of the Roman captain to the Apostle Paul: 'With a great sum obtained I this.'"

## TRAVIS AND DOUGLAS FOREMOST GOLFERS

Placed Ahead of Amateur  
Champion James.

A list of the foremost golf players of the country and their comparative standings has just been published. Walter J. Travis and Findlay S. Douglas, ex-champions, are placed ahead of Louis N. James, of Chicago, who won the national amateur golf championship this year.

The following is the list, which includes the sixteen best players in the country:

1. Walter J. Travis, Garden City.
2. Findlay S. Douglas, Nassau.
3. Louis N. James, Glenview.
4. Eben M. Byers, Allegheny.
5. H. Chandler Egan, Glenview.
6. Frank O. Reinhardt, Princeton.
7. Allan Kennaday, Montclair.
8. Walter E. Egan, Lake Geneva.
9. Charles Hitchcock, Jr., Point Judith.
10. Charles B. MacDonald, Garden City.
11. George A. Ormiston, Pittsburgh.
12. A. G. Lockwood, Alton.
13. L. H. Conklin, Princeton.
14. C. H. Seely, Wee Burn.
15. H. B. McFarland, University of Pennsylvania.
16. C. B. Cory, Oakley.

About thirty important tournaments were played in 1902, one-half of which were decided in the Metropolitan district. Travis won eight of the first cups, including the championship of the Metropolitan Golf Association. In spite of the fact that he was beaten in the amateur championship he is accorded first place.

Findlay Douglas ranks second, although he played in only three or four tournaments, owing to illness. He was runner-up to Travis at Atlantic City, and won the open tournament of the Lakewood Golf Club, defeating C. B. MacDonald in the final round. MacDonald, just previous to his defeat at the hands of Douglas, had beaten Travis decisively.

Louis N. James, by virtue of his victory in the amateur championship, can hardly be placed worse than third, although but for that he would not even have earned a place in the list sixteen, as his form since that match has been far below the standard.

## IDOLIZED SON FALLS DEAD AT FATHER'S FEET

Attorney Samuels Stricken With Heart  
Disease at Board Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—There was no prouder moment in the long and active life of Capt. Samuel Samuels, once commander of the famous packet Dreadnaught, than when his young son, Robert V. S. Samuels, who had elected to follow the law instead of the sea, was chosen by the board of directors of the Marine Journal Company as counsel to the board. Captain Samuels is its president, but the choice of his son as counsel was made by his fellow-directors.

There was a meeting of the board of directors yesterday afternoon at 41 Pine Street. The meeting had just been called to order when the young lawyer, who was standing leaning on his elbow over an old-fashioned fireplace in the room, was seen by his father to become pale in the face.

Before Captain Samuels could speak to the young man, his son dropped to the floor and lay in a heap.

"My boy," cried the old captain, "what's the matter?"

But his son was dead from heart disease.

The meeting broke up instantly. Captain Samuels worked over his son in vain, calling him by endearing names and not realizing that he was dead. An ambulance call to the Hudson Street Hospital was hurriedly sent, and when the ambulance arrived the physicians pronounced the man dead.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Frank Whitten, an eighteen-year-old youth, while cutting holly from the top of a tree which projected over the Guyan River, lost his hold and fell into the stream. He tumbled a distance of nearly eighty feet and floated 800 yards before being rescued.

## SPRINTER DUFFEY TO GO ABROAD ONCE MORE

Georgetown Boy Hopes to  
Win Temple Cup.

A. C. Duffey, the holder of the world's 100-yard record of 0:9 3-5, intends to compete abroad next season. For the past two years Duffey has competed in England, Ireland, and Scotland. Last July he won the English championship with yards to spare.

The special reason for Duffey's return to the British Isles next season is the fact that he has won the Sir William Temple Cup at Bath for the past two years, and if he succeeds in crossing the tape first next July it will become his permanent property. It is valued at \$1,000, and stands thirty-one inches from the ground. The trophy is also highly valued on account of the number of athletes who have tried to win it outright.

It was presented to the Bath Athletic Club in 1884, and up to the present time has never been won three times by any athlete. Duffey has almost completed his schedule, which will include Glasgow, Belfast, Bath, London, Birmingham, Stoke-on-Trent, and Fallowfield, Manchester. With the exception of the Bath and London meets, Duffey will only appear in exhibition races.

S. S. Jones, the New York University high jumper, who accompanied Duffey last season, will not go abroad next June. Jones has finally decided not to take the trip on account of the state of his health, which has been poor since his return.

## PRINCE HENRY TO VISIT AMERICA ONCE MORE

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Newspapers here say that Prince Henry of Prussia will visit the United States for a second time and see the St. Louis Exposition. He will also unveil a German veterans' monument in Philadelphia.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Work on the Little Kanawha Railroad connection, a branch of the Wabash in West Virginia, has been commenced.

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It is presumed that the New York commission has at least four sites to submit to the visitors. They are all up-town locations, and that one of them will be selected is now assured.  
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